

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE - 24 JANUARY 2001

COMMUNITY GRANTS 2000/01 - REFUNDED MONIES

Report by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1** To advise the Committee of monies which have been refunded by the Cumnock Community Radio Group under the community grants budget during the 2000/2001 financial year; and invite the Committee to consider, in principle, how these monies should be expended.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1** This Committee on 10 May 2000, agreed that a community grant of £1,500 be made to the Cumnock Community Radio Group for 2000/01 in respect of costs associated with rent/lease of premises, stationery costs, promotional materials/costs and travel expenses. The Committee also awarded a grant of £500 to this organisation during the 1999/2000 financial year to assist in meeting letting charges, running costs, costs associated with a proposed launch night and associated publicity, travelling costs, training costs and affiliations.
- 2.2** The Group have recently dissolved and a total sum of £1,883.42 has been refunded to the Committee in respect of the grant awards made during 1999/2000 and 2000/2001. The main reason for the Group's dissolution was the Group's recognition that another organisation in the local area are pursuing a similar objective, i.e. the establishment of a local radio station, and are at a more advanced stage. The Cumnock Community Radio Group felt that there is no need for two radio stations within the Cumnock Area.

3. MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1** As can be seen from the above, a sum of £1,883.42 is available at this time for disbursement by the Local Committee as community grants to local organisations.
- 3.2** As the Members know, all applications for community grant for the 2000/2001 year, which were received by the specified closing date of 31 March 2000, were dealt with by the Committee in May 2000. However, subsequent to this, seven further applications have been received and it is suggested that the Committee consider disbursing the funds which are now available to these organisations. If the Committee are agreeable, in principle, to this suggestion, the seven applications concerned and Officers comments and recommendations relative thereto will be submitted to the meeting of this Committee to be held on 1 February 2001 for consideration.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 A total sum of £1,883.42 is available for disbursement by the Committee as community grants for the 2000/01 financial year.

5. LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS - Nil.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 It is recommended:-

- (i) that the Committee note the position regarding the monies refunded by Cumnock Community Radio Group; and
- (ii) that the Committee agree in principle that consideration be given to reallocating the refunded monies to seven other organisations who had submitted applications for grant funding during the current financial year, after the closing date of 31 March 2000 and that a further report on the applications concerned be submitted to the meeting of this Committee to be held on 1 February 2001.

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17 January 2001
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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Correspondence with Cumnock Community Radio Group.
2. Applications for Community Grant submitted by seven organisations.

Any person wishing to inspect the background papers relative to this report should contact Stuart Nelson, Administrative Officer, on telephone number (01563) 576151. Any person wishing further information on this report should contact Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager on telephone number (01563) 576135.

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AGENDA